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Israel and Hephzi-bah Thavasikani proudly hold baby, Rachel. The Thavasekani's are Indian-believers who contacted Gateway via our website!



Renee, Vera, Jennifer and Adrienne attended the Gateway Volunteer Training in June. Jennifer heard about us on the Internet. Adrienne is a pastors daughter who speaks French!



Dean Gavaris, Gateway Director, and some 30 others prayed outside the door of abortionist Steven Chase Brigham at the December, 1999 Open House. The Lord 'opened the door' for Gateway-Elizabeth to relocate two floors below Steven's very busy abortion facility.

(I Corinthians 16:9)

{See below for a report of Dean's two-hour jailhouse visit with Steven in late January, 2000} .



"My Visit With Steven"

On January 20, 2000 I had the privilege of visiting abortionist Dr. Steven Chase Brigham at the Albany Correctional Facility, where he was serving a four month sentence for tax evasion. Steven has lost his medical license in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, and California, and has 'limited privileges' in New Jersey. Still, he operates some five abortion facilities in NJ and Pa., allowing other abortionists to travel from neighboring states to do abortions on a part-time basis.



Steven is a very engaging man.

He is quite charming. I found him very friendly and he was thankful for my visit. I was able to clearly explain the plan of salvation. Steven told me he was a Unitarian Universalist, who believes in 'peace, love, and harmony'. His criteria for doing abortions often is to "look in the eyes of the woman on the table, and if I see she needs the abortion, I would do it".

He feels he is doing a sacrificial service for women, and complimented me on my intensity in the prolife cause. He said that if Jesus were here today, "He would be doing abortions". When I pointed out the great Biblical discrepancies in many of his statements, he made it very clear by saying, "Now Dean, I'm not a Christian".

His eyes darted back and forth as he listened intently, taking notes with a small pencil. When I asked if he needed anything, he told me he had enough money. He was genuinely thankful for a visit from someone who was supposed to be his enemy. The visit ended only when the guard terminated it. Steven suggested we get together again.

Since that day, Steven has been released, but I haven't seen him. Joan Vitale, our Associate Director, met him recently at 700 North Broad Street (the site of both our offices). Again he was quite charming. Joan spent 20 minutes sharing Christ with Steven. We've told him that we're praying regularly for him and second-trimester abortionist, Kenneth Treadwell. (We've also had opportunities to speak with Ken about his need for Christ). Steven asked that we be "good and kind to my clients".

He realizes that many who try to find his abortion facility decide to visit Gateway instead. The 'business' he has lost has caused him to frequently change his hours and his office procedures. It's apparent that Steven does second trimester abortions, even though prohibited by his partial license revocation.

The issue here is not abortion, but Christ reaching down to Steven, Ken, and the dozens who are victimized at his facility.

We are well aware of the statement of former abortionist Carol Everett: "Abortion is a skillfully marketed product sold to a woman at a crisis time. She buys the product because they tell her it is the answer. She finds it defective. She cannot return it. Her baby is dead." While realizing all this is true, we realize that abortion is a spiritual problem.

{Pray that Steven's eyes be opened and that he may '.. turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that .. he.. may receive forgiveness of sins (Acts 26:18)}

Abortionists and their clients both need Christ. The Lord has opened the door for ministry. As missionary Hudson Taylor once said, "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's blessing." Please keep Steven, Ken and our staff in your prayers. We desire to be ambassadors of the gospel, knowing full well that it is the Lord who opens hearts.

We go because *we are no different than Steven*, except some of us know Him personally, but all through His Grace! ("And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God." -- 1 Cor. 6:11)

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*Gateway Pregnancy Centers 10th. Annual Stewardship
Banquet: An Evening With Elisabeth Elliot*



Thursday, October 5, 2000 at
7:00 pm at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ

Seating limited to the first 500 guests
\$20 per person
A freewill offering will be taken for
the ministry of Gateway

Elisabeth Elliot was born of missionary parents in Brussels, Belgium. She grew up with four brothers and one sister in Philadelphia and New Jersey. In 1952, she went to Ecuador.

Mrs. Elliot married Jim Elliot in 1953, and had a daughter, Valerie, in 1955. Jim was killed by Auca Indians in 1956. The story is told in Mrs. Elliot's 1957 book, Through Gates of Splendor. The story has been called "The boldest and most dramatic missionary exploit in modern times". Jim Elliot's diaries and letters are found in Mrs. Elliot's 1958 book, Shadow of the Almighty.

Since her return to the U.S. in 1963 Mrs. Elliot has been writing and speaking. Mrs. Elliot's daily broadcast, *Gateway to Joy*, is now heard on 250 stations, including WAWZ-FM 99.1, Zarephath, NJ every Monday through Friday at 9:45 am

<p>For ticket reservations, contact Gateway Pregnancy Centers at 960 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey 07111, call (973) 399-8378 or log on to www.gateway.org</p>
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***Thank you to the over 100 men, women, boys and girls who attended the May 13th.
“Walk for the Little Ones” fund-raiser at Warinanco Park, in Elizabeth, NJ***

Not Just Statistics!

January through May, 2000
Women seen at both our Centers 312
Women coming to Christ 24
Babies born 40

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